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Re: Application of Jorge PALLAS MORENA, Javier PUEYO MOLINA, Fermin
GUISADO, and Jose LOPEZ ALMENDROS entitled
DEVICE FOR THE COUPLING OF EXCAVATOR TEETH
Assignee: METALOGENIA, S.A.
Our Ref: Q79190

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/245,783 (Confirmation No. 7649) filed September 16, 2002, by Jorge PALLAS MORENA, Javier PUEYO MOLINA, Fermin GUISADO, and Jose LOPEZ ALMENDROS, entitled DEVICE FOR THE COUPLING OF EXCAVATOR TEETH, which is a Continuation Application of U.S. Application No. 09/701,235 filed November 22, 2000, which is a National Stage Application filed under §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/ES99/00160 filed June 3, 1999.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, and as filed in the prior application, four (4) sheets of drawings (Figures 1-16) a copy of the Declaration. Also, enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The Assignment was recorded during prosecution of the prior application, 09/701,235, at Reel 011417, Frame 0955, on November 22, 2000.

The prior application is assigned to Examiner Victor D. Batson in Group Art Unit 3671.

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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Spain	P9801257	June 8, 1998

A certified copy of the Spanish Patent Application No. P9801257 was received by the International Bureau during the pendency of International Application No. PCT/ES99/00160.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):

Total claims	<u>36</u> - 20	=	<u>16</u>	x	\$9.00	=	<u>\$144.00</u>
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Base Fee							<u>\$385.00</u>

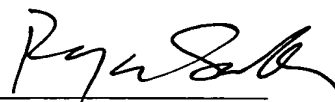
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A check for the statutory fee of \$572.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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